

Closeout on West Virginia Flooding

As response and recovery efforts related to flooding in central and southern West Virginia come to an end, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) personnel are working to complete missions and finalize contracts.

At the height of the response/recovery effort, 89 personnel from the Corps' Lakes and Rivers Division and other Corps' organizations across the country were engaged in flood-fighting and other activities to reduce the impact of the flooding throughout the eight-county disaster area. In response to requests from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), USACE provided emergency power, removed debris created by the flooding, demolished structures that were so damaged that they were condemned by the State, and provided temporary housing.

Although this was a devastating flood to West Virginia, its severity was lessened by the Corps' R.D. Bailey Lake, a multipurpose project located on the Guyandot River in southern West Virginia. Its operation and retention of floodwaters reduced water levels downstream at the cities of Man by 13.1 feet and at Logan by 18.8 feet and reduced flood damages by an estimated \$10 million.